

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

Council Members absent: David Klinkhammer and John Lor.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Klinkhammer joined the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda.

President Weld indicated that a request was made that agenda item #6 regarding the renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer license to Davey J's Garage be considered separately. No objection was voiced and agenda item #6 was separated.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution" for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, December 8, 2020:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Article Dealer licenses for the 2021 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Secondhand Jewelry Dealer licenses for the 2021 licensing year.
- Granting the renewal of Pawnbroker licenses for the 2021 licensing year.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2020-54, purchase of one (1) 40' hybrid electric bus and one (1) 35' clean diesel bus.
- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2021 85.20 Transportation Operating Assistance Grant and the 2021 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Assistance – Paratransit Supplemental Aid with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- Authorizing the Community Services Department, on behalf of the City Manager, to apply for and execute the 2021 5307 Federal Mass Urban Transit Operating Assistance and the 5339 Capital Assistance Grants with the Federal Transit Administration.

Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LICENSE

Council Member Emmanuelle recused herself.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a Secondhand Article Dealer license for Davey J's Garage, LLC, d/b/a Davey J's Garage, 1237 Menomonie Street, David Jones owner.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong. Abstained: Council Member Emmanuelle.

Council Member Emmanuelle returned to the meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The City Council considered a resolution extending the current health insurance plan with Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire for one year. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the 2021 Federal Transit Administration section 5307 Supplemental Agreement between the City of Eau Claire and the City of Chippewa Falls. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TRANSIT PLANS

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for the Community Services Department Transit Division as required by the Federal Transit Administration. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Anderson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution adopting the 5-year Transit Development Plan for the Community Services Department Transit Division. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMPREHENSIVE PARKING STUDY

The City Council considered a resolution accepting the Comprehensive Parking Study Update. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SITE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district to allow for Phase II of the Transportation Education Center for Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) (File PZ-2007). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend” the site plan by removing condition A.3. from the conditions of approval set forth in the staff report and adding the following:

- B. 3. Install a sidewalk connection along the main drive to the public right-of-way of Campus Road to the north.

Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Klinkhammer and Weld.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended site plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointments to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

VOTING WARD

The City Council considered a resolution creating a new voting ward within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing remote attendance at City Council and public meetings. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATIONS

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2166 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-7A (Eisenhuth Annexation, Petition #14348). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2929 Orange Street, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 20-8A (Yang Annexation, Petition #14354). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The Council considered a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & LEAVES PLAN

The Council considered an ordinance temporarily amending the City of Eau Claire Employee Benefits and Leaves Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at the 700 block of Water Street known as the Water Street Flats from RM to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan for two multi-level apartment buildings (Z-1678-20).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: December 8, 2020

Time: 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk